

Medicare in America

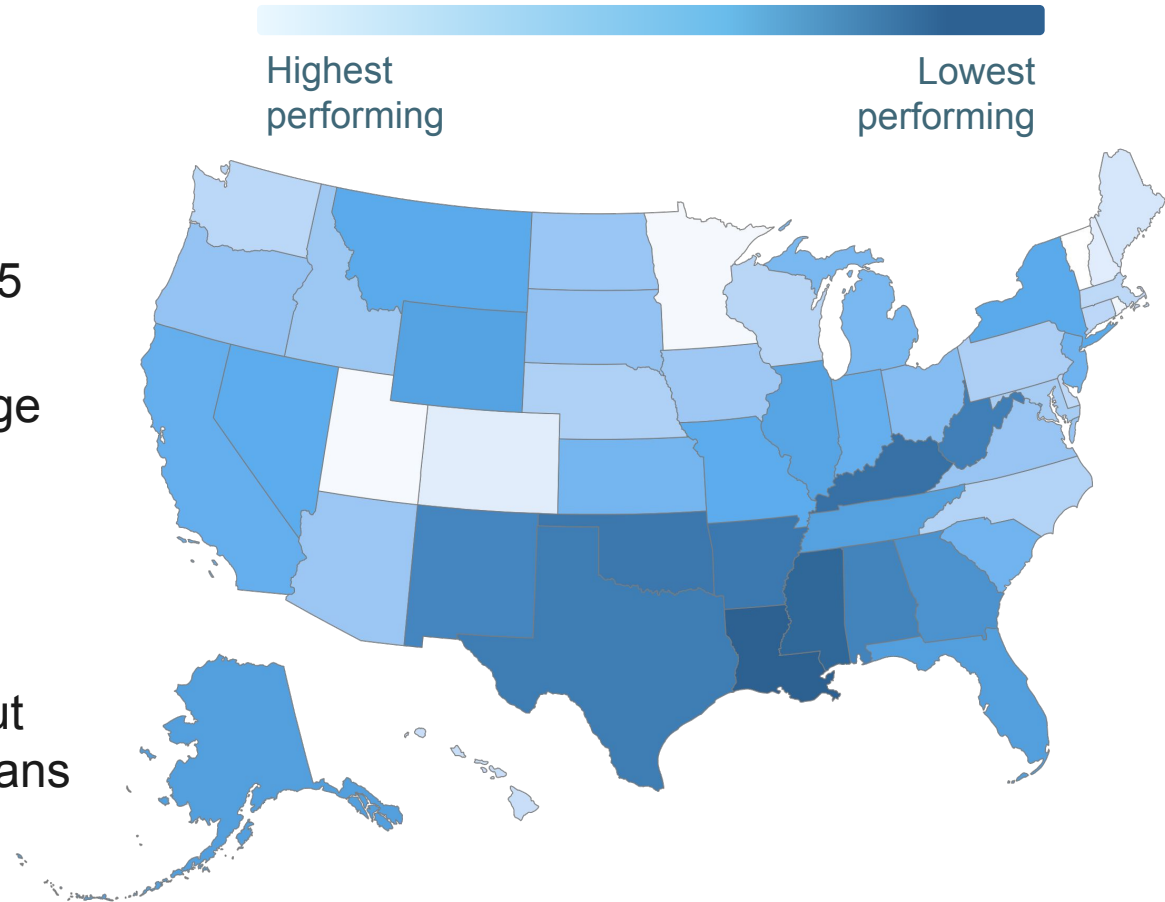
1 in 5 Americans are enrolled

75 million beneficiaries

- 68 million people ages 65 and older
- 7 million people under age 65 with a disability or disabling condition

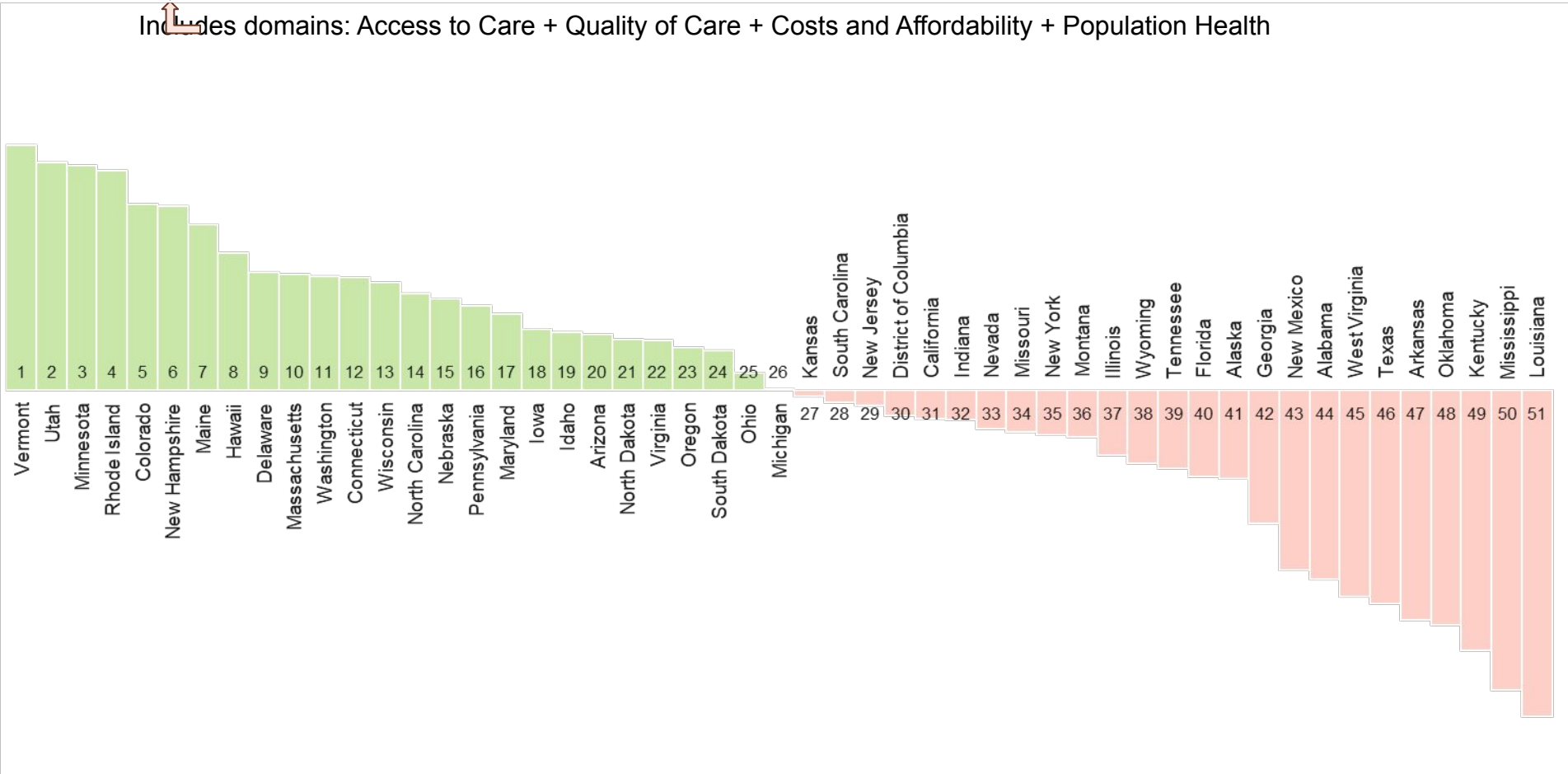
About half of beneficiaries in Traditional Medicare and about half in Medicare Advantage plans

Overall Performance for Medicare, 2025



Vermont, Utah, and Minnesota are the top-ranked states for Medicare performance indicators for 2025.

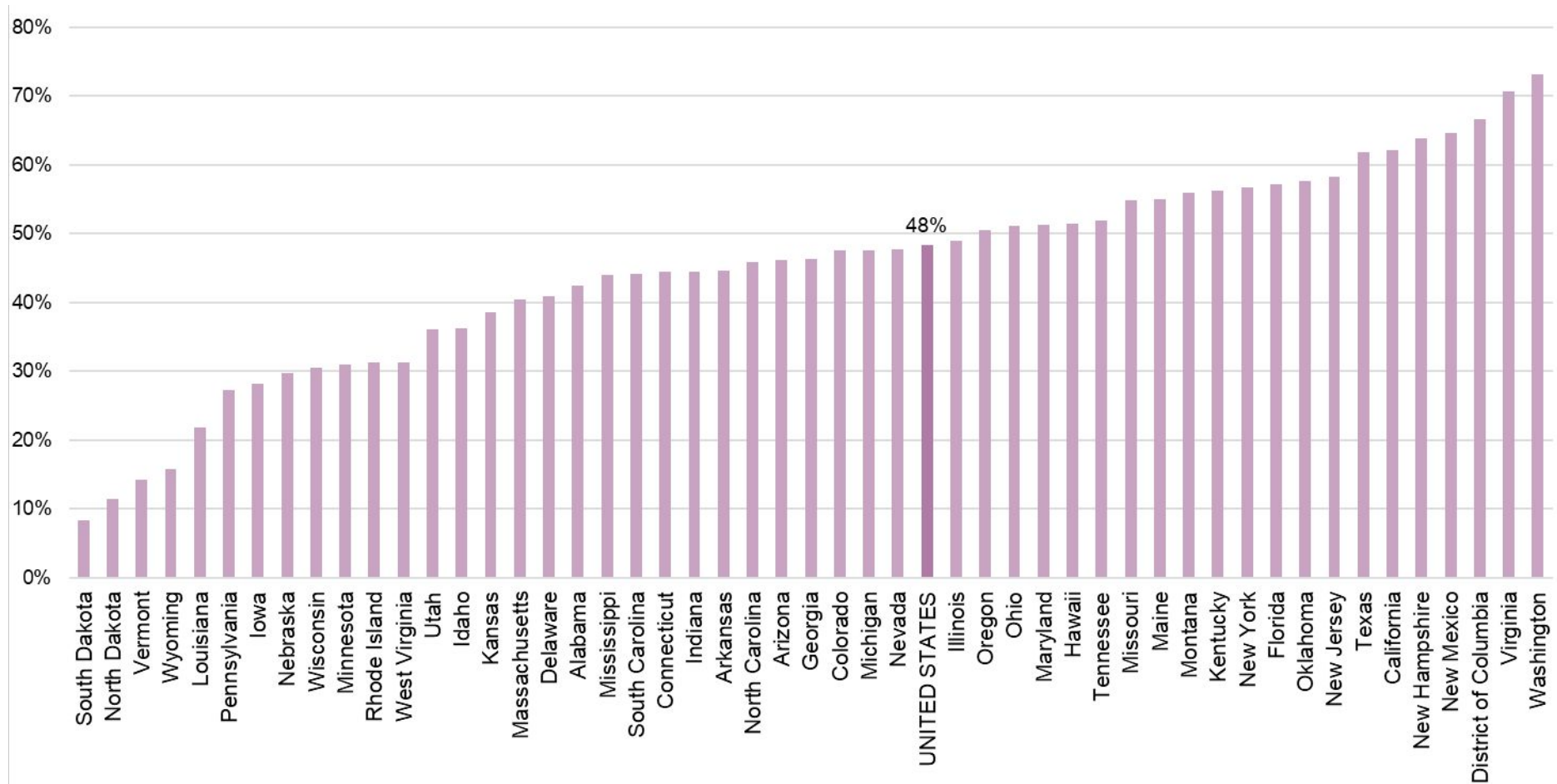
Overall Rankings for State Scorecard on Medicare Performance: *How Medicare Is Working for Its Beneficiaries*



Notes: States arranged in rank order based on Overall ranking. Bar height corresponds to overall performance score, aggregated from performance in each of 4 performance domains. Green bars indicate better than average performance; red bars indicate lower than average performance.

There is wide variation between states in the share of Medicare Advantage plans requiring prior authorization for specialist doctor visits or preventive care services.

Medicare Advantage plans that require prior authorization for specialist doctor visits or preventive care services, by state (2025)

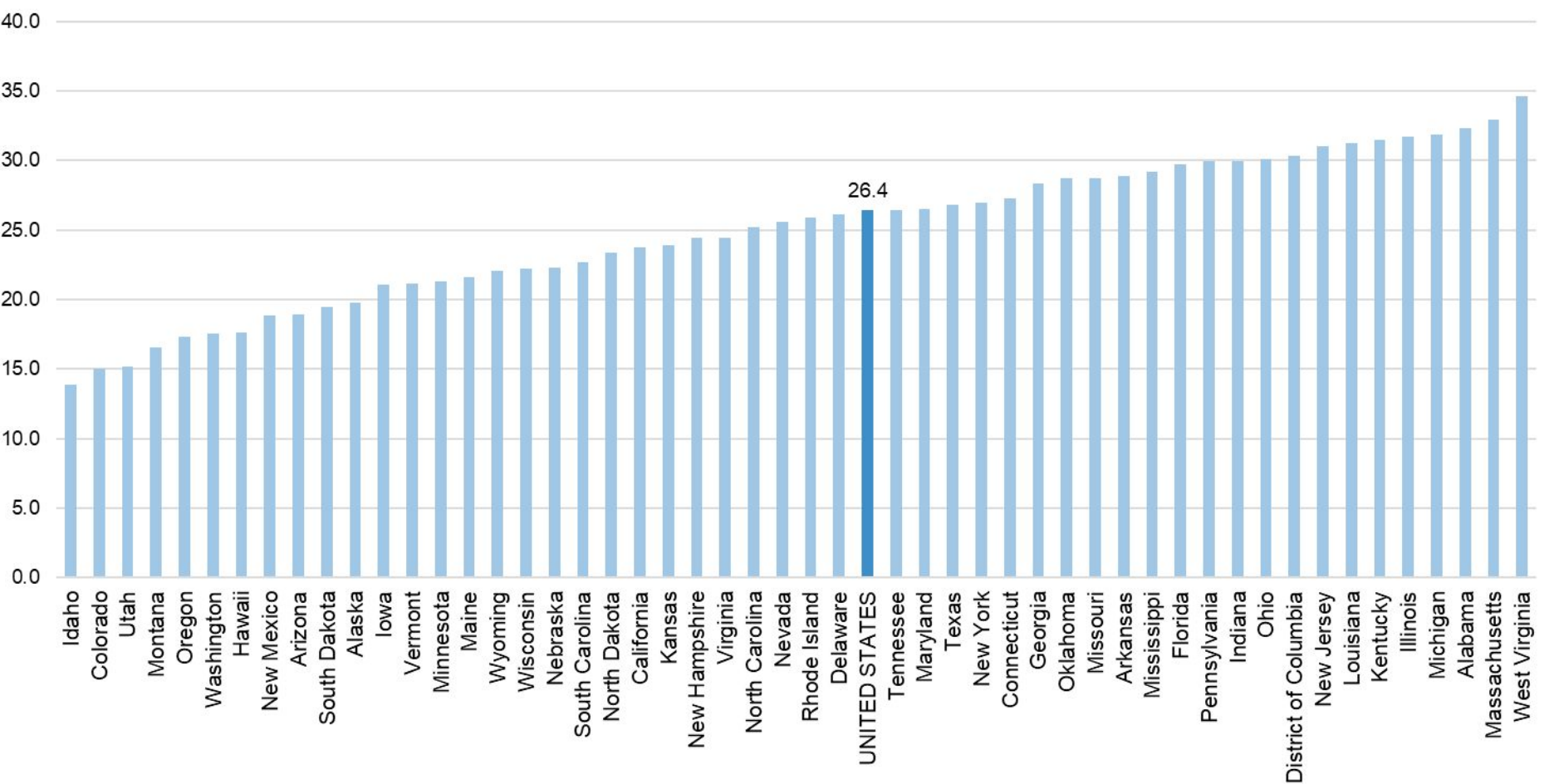


Notes: Data missing for Alaska; state does not have Medicare Advantage plans.

Data: CMS Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data (2025).

Potentially preventable hospital admissions are twice as high in the worst-performing state as in the best-performing state.

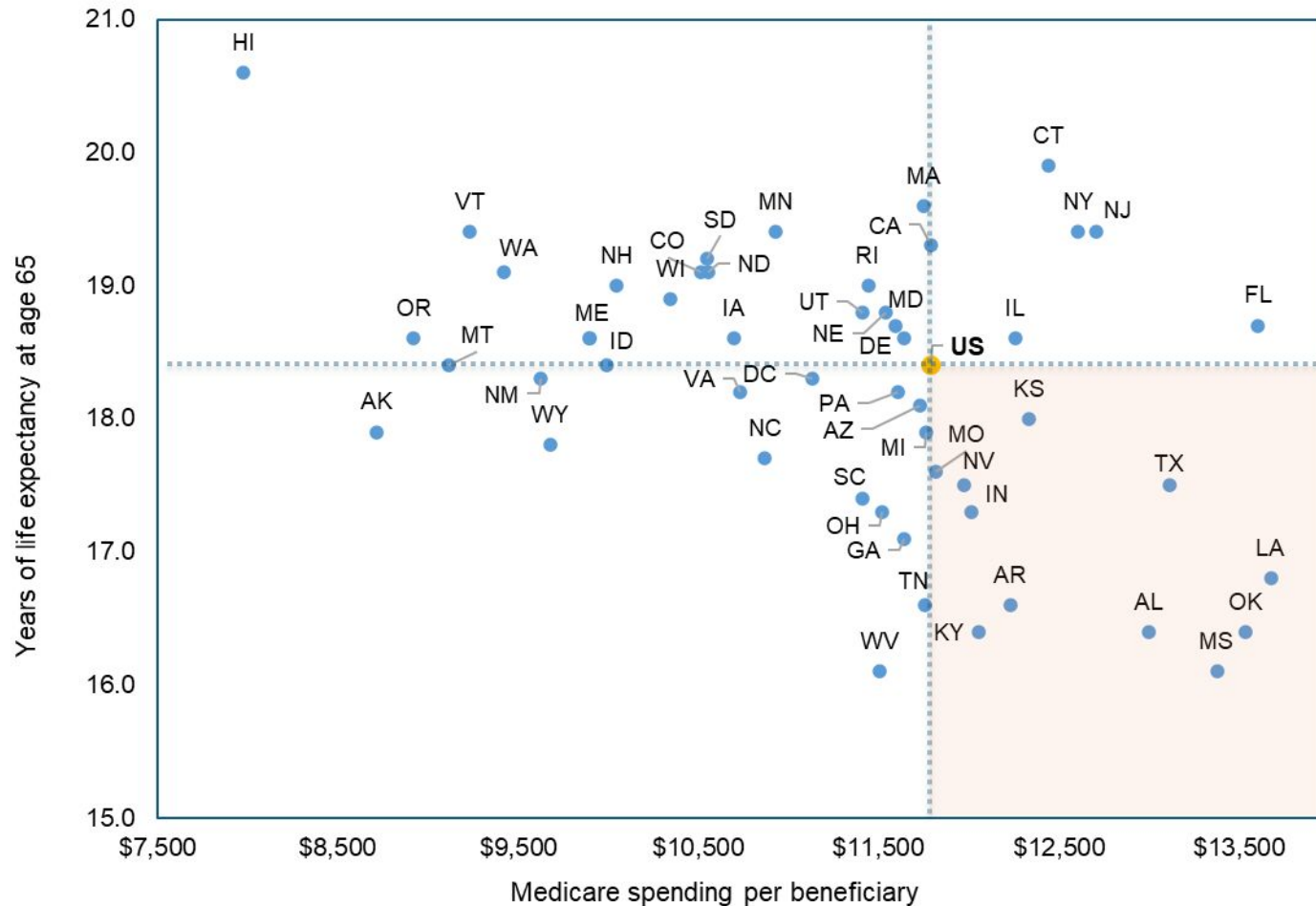
Preventable hospital admissions for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries, by state (2023)



Notes: Includes beneficiaries under age 65.
Data: Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse (CCW), via CMS Geographic Variation Public Use File (2023).

States with the lowest life expectancy at age 65 are among those with the highest Medicare spending per beneficiary.

Life expectancy at age 65 (2021) and total Medicare (Parts A & B) reimbursements per beneficiary age 65 and older, by state (2023)



Notes: Dollar figures represent standardized dollars. Includes Traditional Medicare spending only.

Data: Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse (CCW), via CMS Geographic Variation Public Use File (2023) and CDC NVSS, U.S. State Life Tables (NCHS, 2021).